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PASS AGRICULTURE GRAIN AND FEED DIVISIONS - FCA/FMD/FAS/W

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SUBJECT: GRAIN CROP FROST DAMAGE IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES.

1. NEWS MEDIA TODAY REPORT SUBSTANTIAL PRAIRIE GRAIN CROP FROST DAMAGE DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND. SASKATCHEWAN REPORTEDLY WORST HIT WHEN TEMPERATURES FELL AS LOW AS 28 DEGREES FOR AS LONG AS SEVEN HOURS IN SCATTERED AREAS. PRESS CITES SOME AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS BELIEVING SASKATCHEWAN'S CROP (NORMALLY ABOUT 60 PERCENT CANADA'S GRAIN) COULD BE CUT 100 MILLION BUSHEL. SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL'S FIRST ESTIMATE IS A 10 TO 30 PERCENT REDUCTION.

2. COMMENT: AGATT CONTACTED GRAIN OFFICIALS IN AGRICULTURE (AC) AND INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE (ITC) FOR EVALUATION OF PRESS REPORTS. THESE OFFICIALS, AFTER CHECKING THROUGHOUT DAY WITH SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL, WITH SASKATCHEWAN AND MANITOBA PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS, STATED THAT CONTACTS SAY IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO ESTIMATE DAMAGE ACCURATELY. NONE OF PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS CONTACTED WOULD QUANTIFY DAMAGE AS YET BUT ALL AGREED REDUCTIONS IN QUANTITY AND QUALITY EXPECTED AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWO OR THREE WEEKS NEEDED BEFORE FULL EXTENT OF DAMAGE

CAN BE ASSESSED. AC AND ITC OFFICIALS PROMISED TO
PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH FURTHER SPECIFICS WHEN AVAILABLE.
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